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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Ultra-Wideband – ET Docket 98-153

Dear Ms. Salas:

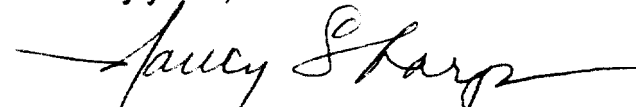
I am writing to support the FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning Ultra-Wideband (UWB) radio transmission. I am one of thousands of nurses who are involved in providing clinical health care services to patients in remote and/or underserved areas of the USA.

This new technology offers new options for patients and for their caregivers. The focus of nurses in home health care is to educate patients, families, and caregivers how to be independent for as long as possible, a goal for most people. The ultra wideband radio system would be an outstanding resource to help promote independence and keep people out of ultra-expensive institutional care.

As information technology moves forward into wireless applications, UWB offers limitless possibilities for many healthcare applications, including: patient monitoring, public health screening; remote consults between a variety of health care professionals; patient follow-ups; scheduling; and clinician access to databases and literature.

On behalf of myself and my family, as well as all patients who would benefit from UWB radio transmission, I urge the FCC to move quickly and positively on the decision to permit research and development of the technology. I believe it will result in continued independence, lives saved and reduction in health care costs.

Sincerely yours,



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